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SUBJ: NEW JAPANESE MEASURES ON APARTHEID

1. BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED

IN PRESS RELEASE DATED JUNE 6, JAPANESE MISSION ANNOUNCED NEW MEASURES, TO BECOME EFFECTIVE JUNE 15, TO MAKE MORE EFFECTIVE GOJ EFFORTS "CONSISTENTLY EXERTED TO DISCOURAGE CULTURAL EXCHANGES AND SPORTING ACTIVITIES BETWEEN JAPAN AND SOUTH AFRICA, IN COMPLIANCE WITH GA RESOLUTIONS ON APARTHEID". NO ENTRY VISAS WILL BE ISSUED TO ANY SOUTH AFRICANS WISHING TO ENTER JAPAN FOR PURPOSES OF CULTURAL EXCHANGE OR SPORTING ACTIVITIES. END UNCLASSIFIED.

2. BEGIN L.O. U. COMMENT: IT REMAINS UNCLEAR WHETHER GOJ ALSO INTENDS TO BAR BLACK AND COLORED SOUTH AFRICANS (SEE KATZEN-NAGAWI MEMCON, JUNE 6, NOTAL). LACK OF CLARIFICATION THIS POINT MAY HAVE BEEN OVERSIGHT. TEXT OF PRESS RELEASE -- AND MOVE ITSELF -- MAY BE SEEN AS COMPLEMENTING, AT TIMELY OCCASION (RETURN OF UN APARTHEID COMITE FROM EUROPE AND OAU SESSIONS

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IN MOGADISCIO), JAPAN'S EFFORTS TO IMPROVE IMAGE IN EYES OF

AFRICAN (AND OTHER) "NON-ALIGNED" AT UN. JAPAN'S SECURITY COUNCIL ASPIRATIONS ALSO ARE PART OF THIS EQUATION. IN FACT, INITIAL REACTION, EXPRESSED IN APARTHEID COMITE JUNE 7, WAS IN-DEED ONE OF APPRECIATION.

3. TEXT (REPRODUCED PARA 4) ALSO NOTES THAT "JAPAN DOES NOT PERMIT DIRECT INVESTMENT IN SOUTH AFRICA BY JAPANESE NATIONALS, ALTHOUGH IT HAS ADOPTED A POLICY OF LIBERALIZING OVERSEAS INVESTMENTS." WE WOULD BE INTERESTED TO LEARN EMBASSY TOKYO'S VIEWS AS TO WHETHER THIS REPRESENTS PREVALENCE BY JAPANESE FOREIGN MINISTRY OVER COMMERCIAL INTERESTS WHICH WE HAD UNDERSTOOD EARLIER WERE INTERESTED IN INCREASED INVESTMENT IN SOUTH AFRICA. (WE DO NOTE THAT RELEASE SAYS "JAPAN'S ECONOMIC RELATIONS WITH SOUTH AFRICA ARE RIGOROUSLY LIMITED TO TRADE", THEREBY NOT EXCLUDING INCREASED COMMERCE). END L.O.U.

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QUOTE

JAPAN ADOPTS NEW MEASURE TO STRENGTHEN HER OPPOSITION
TO APARTHEID IN SOUTH AFRICA

THE GOVERNMENT OF JAPAN HAS DECIDED UPON A NEW MEASURE, WHICH WILL BECOME EFFECTIVE ON JUNE 15TH, WHEREBY NO ENTRY VISA IS TO BE ISSUED TO ANY SOUTH AFRICANS WHO WISH TO ENTER JAPAN FOR THE PURPOSE OF CULTURAL EXCHANGES OR SPORTING ACTIVITIES. THIS MEASURE IS INTENDED TO MAKE MORE EFFECTIVE THE EFFORTS THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF JAPAN HAS CONSISTENTLY EXERTED TO DISCOURAGE CULTURAL EXCHANGES AND SPORTING ACTIVITIES BETWEEN JAPAN AND SOUTH AFRICA, IN COMPLIANCE WITH GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTIONS ON APARTHEID.

THE GOVERNMENT OF JAPAN HAS STEADILY OPPOSED ANY FORM OF RACIAL DISCRIMINATION AND APARTHEID, WHICH RUN COUNTER TO THE UN'S CHARTER AND CONSTITUTE A GRAVE INFRINGEMENT OF FUNDAMENTAL HUMAN RIGHTS. JAPAN HAS NO DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH SOUTH AFRICA, AND HAS NO INTENTION OF ESTABLISHING SUCH RELATIONS IN THE FORESEEABLE FUTURE.

THE GOVERNMENT OF JAPAN HAS EXTENDED NEITHER ECONOMIC AID
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NOR TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO SOUTH AFRICA ON A GOVERNMENT-TO-GOVT BASIS. JAPAN DOES NOT PERMIT DIRECT INVESTMENT IN SOUTH AFRICA BY JAPANESE NATIONALS, ALTHOUGH IT HAS ADOPTED A POLICY OF LIBERALIZING OVERSEAS INVESTMENTS. JAPAN'S ECONOMIC RELATIONS WITH SOUTH AFRICA ARE RIGOROUSLY LIMITED TO TRADE. JAPAN HAS STRICTLY OBSERVED THE ARMS EMBARGO AGAINST SOUTH AFRICA, AS CALLED FOR BY UN RESOLUTIONS.

THE NEW RESTRICTION ON VISAS FOR SOUTH AFRICANS MANIFESTS THE

DETERMINATION OF JAPAN TO COOPERATE WITH THE INTERNATIONAL
COMMUNITY, PARTICULARLY WITH THE AFRICAN COUNTRIES, IN INTENSIFYING
EFFORTS TO ACCELDATE THE TOTAL ERADITION OF APARTHEID. THEY ARE
A REFLECTION OF THE DEEP SYMPATHY FOR, AND UNDERSTANDING OF,
ON THE PART OF THE GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE OF JAPAN, THE COMMON
ASPIRATIONS OF AFRICAN PEOPLE, AS WELL AS THE SPIRIT OF COOPERATION
OF THE GOVT AND PEOPLE OF JAPAN IN ACHIEVING THE AIMS OF THE
ORGANIZATION OF AFRICAN UNITY.

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